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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were lower in the West, unchanged to lower elsewhere; however, new negotiations in certain areas were being reported at higher levels. Trade sentiment was mixed, ranging steady to fully steady in the East and West, about steady in the Midwest. Retail demand was slow to moderate, best where retail features were present. Food service was moderate to good with fast food promotions increasing interest. Supplies of larger sizes were irregular, adequate to fully sufficient, but at times closer for wogs. Smaller sizes were adequate to well cleared. In the parts structure, breast items were irregular with tenders and bone-in breasts mostly sufficient to limited, but boneless skinless fully adequate. Wings continued to clear well, and dark meat was usually adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weight were mixed, mostly desirable.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 10/09-10/13/00 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	COMPOSITE	
				WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	46.00-47.00	46.75	18	53.01	34
Chicago	46.00-50.00	49.41	49	52.42	87
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	56.62	28
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	59.89	14
Denver	65.50	65.44	17	63.99	37
Detroit	47.00-48.00	49.25	16	55.06	48
Los Angeles	66.00	64.07	68	62.42	128
New York	44.00-47.00	46.44	25	53.89	59
Philadelphia	44.00-46.00	45.22	9	49.49	23
Pittsburgh	46.00-48.00	47.00	14	54.39	61
St. Louis	48.75-49.00	48.28	19	52.38	42
San Francisco	66.50	65.98	29	68.82	46

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	10/09/00	Change/Last Wk	10/02/00	10/11/99
607	57.00	0.54	56.46	53.78

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	53.00-60.00	58.39	43
Central	52.00-58.00	55.50	66
West	54.00-60.00	59.90	47

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	59.00-62.00	61.17	84
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 61.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,098	46.00-62.75	60.04

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice pack parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	148.00	4,465
BREASTS - WHOLE	71.00	1,675
THIGH MEAT - B/S	80.50	795
LEG QUARTERS	29.50	9,440
WINGS	68.00	3,082

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on whole broiler/fryers was about moderate. Supplies of the 2.5 to 3 pound birds were no more than adequate to closely cleared, and the larger birds were usually sufficient to better balanced. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Boneless-skinless breasts fully adequate, however, bone-in breasts limited in availability at times. Wings clearing well, and the balance of items readily available.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand over the weekend showed improvement aided by fast food promotions. Supplies were in better balance to at times short for heavier wogs as interest increased. Wings seasonally strong and supplies well cleared. Breast items irregular, mostly adequate, but becoming less available. Dark meat was usually sufficient with fair demand. Live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trading on regular commitments reported at generally lower prices with new negotiations unchanged to higher. Offerings adequate. Buyers interest remained fair. Demand was moderate overall, best to cover features. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. Reported parts trading for delivery into California: leg quarters bulk 29.5-32 and 4/10s 31.25-33; breasts bone-in 70-74 and boneless mainly 130. The market tone was fully steady on breasts with bone-in in the strongest position and balance of parts about steady. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was 55.29 up 2.15 with the volume reported unchanged at 33 loads.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices on deliveries this week into Chicago, St. Louis and Detroit unchanged with Ohio TFEWR from last Monday's final. Whole fryer trade sentiment about steady. Retail demand slow to fair at best. Food service movement in a full range, best for promotions. Floor stocks generally adequate, sizes desirable. Parts trading moderate to fairly good on wings and tenders, light on all other items. Supplies mixed on wings, tenderloins tight and ample to adequate on all other items. Trade sentiment cautiously steady to weak on breast items, fully steady on wings and tenders, about steady on the balance.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of whole birds fair to fairly good following the weekend. Offerings generally in good balance on the 3 pound and smaller sizes; fully adequate on the larger sizes. Live supplies at least moderate; weights ranged light to heavy, mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules moderate. LTL asking prices unchanged at 47 to 61 cents. Trade sentiment at least steady. Bone-in breasts in close balance and clearing. Wings continued to clear well. Other cuts sufficient for current needs.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

	BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
	10/10/00	10/09/00
RANGE	42-75	39-70
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	49.56	49.22
NO. OF BOXES	13,743	12,474

*7 of 8 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying interest had improved and was generally moderate overall. Offerings of bone-in breasts were irregular, ranging adequate to closely balanced, however, boneless-skinless breasts remained available. Wings continued to be clearing well and the balance of items were more than adequate. Movement into retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm on bone-in breasts, about steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	130-135	133.50	784,150
TENDERLOINS	185-190	214.56	178,700
BREAST - WITH RIBS	59-60	66.94	420,600
BREAST - LINE RUN	59	64.82	198,000
LEGS	35-36	39.83	266,840
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	27-28	28.51	769,929
DRUMSTICKS	25-26	35.50	216,280
THIGHS	27-28	30.57	252,960
B/S THIGHS	77-78	82.73	62,140
WINGS (WHOLE)	67-68	76.52	475,400
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.01	114,920
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	40-45	44.58	92,805
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	55.50	122,730

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,284	110.00-152.00	115-120	119.61
TENDERLOINS	44	220.00-256.00	-	223.00
BREAST - WITH RIBS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
FRONT HALVES	440	66.00-75.00	66-69	67.64
LEGS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	872	25.00-27.00	25-26	25.62
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,890	27.50-30.00	27.5	28.04
WINGS (WHOLE)	132	56.00-72.00	65	62.33
DRUMSTICKS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
THIGHS	1,162	23.00-41.00	27	26.88

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	10/09	10/05	10/05	10/02	09/28
ALA	3,742	3,886	4.96	3,938	4.94
ARK	5,113	5,234	4.78	5,074	4.79
DELMARVA	2,350	2,320	5.08	2,352	5.03
LA-TENN	1,934	1,956	4.36	1,828	4.25
MISS	2,763	2,801	5.01	2,821	4.99
NC	2,372	2,623	5.70	2,648	5.69
TEXAS	2,031	2,087	4.58	2,157	4.61
TOTAL	20,305	20,907	4.93	20,818	4.92
MON	20,305(A)			20,818(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 09-Oct 2000 is estimated to be 30,379,000 down 2.75 percent from a week ago and down 1.71 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,239,000, last year 30,909,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	750	127.00-195.00	145-150	145.62
TENDERLOINS	45	215.00-255.00	220-225	237.22
BREAST - LINE RUN	230	72.00-84.00	73-75	76.09
FRONT HALVES	105	68.00-74.00	-	72.00
LEGS	47	33.00-48.00	34-36	35.23
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	779	24.00-28.50	25-26	25.73
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,315	27.00-31.50	29-30	29.06
WINGS (WHOLE)	86	65.00-69.00	66-67	67.49
WINGS (CUT)	638	80.00-98.00	80-84	84.95
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR OCTOBER 10, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
46.00 - 51.25	48.87	47.86

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO:

IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI

WEEK OF 10-OCT-2000 TO 15-OCT-2000, CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	124.00 - 160.00	130.00 - 135.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	63.00 - 89.00	63.00 - 69.00
LEGS	34.00 - 42.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	23.00 - 35.00	27.00 - 30.00
DRUMSTICKS	27.00 - 45.00	-
THIGHS	26.00 - 34.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	61.00 - 74.00	65.00 - 66.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 21.00	-
LIVERS	25.00 - 40.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 45.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	76-86
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	82-87
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	77
FROZEN DUCKS	135
FROZEN SQUABS	589

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	82-84
ROASTERS 4# & UP	65-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	72
DUCKS	129
RABBITS-WHOLE	284
RABBITS-CUT UP	289

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	102-103
	ICE PACK	92-94
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	106-112
	DRY PACK	112-119
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	94
	DRY PACK	94
DUCKS		149-165

EASTERN REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 06-OCT-00

CHICKEN PRICES

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	19.00	-	18.00	-
WTD AVERAGE	19.00		18.00	

204,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS			
RANGE	16.00-16.25	-	14.50-17.00
WTD AVERAGE	16.13		16.64

968,000 pounds, this includes 248,000 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%			
RANGE	16.00-18.00	-	11.00-15.00
WTD AVERAGE	16.68		13.17

2,697,000 pounds, this includes 1,862,000 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE			
RANGE	-	-	13.00
WTD AVERAGE			13.00

120,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were lower. Demand was moderate with supplies of raw fowl adequate for needs. Schedules were normal. Dressed sales had improved, but were described as fair. Trade sentiment was no better than steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 09-OCT-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	3-10	4-5	4.86

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

CENTRAL REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 06-OCT-00

CHICKEN PRICES

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS			
RANGE	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE			

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%			
RANGE	15.00-17.00	14.00-18.50	11.00-13.00
WTD AVERAGE	16.43	17.63	11.84

3,046,400 pounds, this includes 2,148,800 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE			
RANGE	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE			

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were about unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for offerings that were adequate to fully adequate for trade requirements. Supplies of canners were clearing. The market tone was mixed but mostly steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 09-OCT-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	.5-9.5	2.25-6	4.22

AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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